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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

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Free e-file and last minute
tax assistance is available to
low- and middle-income
residents by AARP.

Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
through April 15 at the
Chandler Community
Center, 125 E.
Commonwealth Ave.

City offices will be closed
Memorial Day,
Monday, May 31.

Emergency services and all
scheduled refuse and
recycling collections will not
be affected by the closure.

The estimated population
for the City of Chandler as
of March 1, 2004, is
220,627.

Primary Election Results *Los Resultados de Las Elecciones Primarias*

The results are in! 11,273 Chandler voters cast their ballots through early voting and on election day. Here are the final results of the March 9 Primary Election.

<u>Mayor:</u>	<u>Votes:</u>
John Conley	2,666
Boyd W. Dunn (elected)	8,218

<u>Councilmembers:</u>	<u>Votes:</u>
Dean Anderson (run-off)	4,982
Bobby Joe Harris	2,498
Lowell Huggins (run-off)	5,558
Dale Mukavetz	3,242
Matt Orlando (elected)	7,648
Martin Sepulveda (elected)	6,605

To be elected, Councilmembers need 50 per cent plus one of the votes based on ballots cast. A General/Special Election will take place on May 18 to determine the final Council seat. In addition, Nick Goodman has filed as an official write-in candidate.

Also on the May ballot are six bond questions and one charter amendment proposal:

- Question 1 – Parks and Recreation Bonds in the amount of \$40,600,000
- Question 2 – Public Safety/Fire Bonds in the amount of \$4,580,000
- Question 3 – Public Safety/Police Bonds in the amount of \$4,360,000
- Question 4 – Museum Bonds in the amount of \$8,500,000
- Question 5 – Street and Highway Bonds in the amount of \$59,095,000
- Question 6 – Water and Sewer Bonds in the amount of \$36,580,000
- Proposition 100 – Amendment to the City Charter regarding meet and confer

Voters must be registered by April 19 to be eligible to vote in the General/Special Election. Early voting begins April 15. Voters who requested an early ballot for the Primary Election will automatically be mailed a ballot for the General/Special Election.

¡Ya tenemos los resultados! 11,273 electores de Chandler emitieron sus balotas por medio de la votación temprana y el día de las elecciones. Aquí se encuentran los resultados finales de las Elecciones Primarias del 9 de marzo.

<u>Alcalde:</u>	<u>Votos:</u>
John Conley	2,666
Boyd W. Dunn (electo)	8,218

<u>Miembros del Concilio:</u>	<u>Votos:</u>
Dean Anderson (desempate)	4,982
Bobby Joe Harris	2,498
Lowell Huggins (desempate)	5,558
Dale Mukavetz	3,242
Matt Orlando (electo)	7,648
Martín Sepúlveda (electo)	6,605

Para ser elegidos, los Miembros del Concilio necesitan 50 por ciento más uno de los votos basándose en las balotas emitidas. El 18 de mayo se llevarán a cabo Elecciones Generales/Especiales para determinar quién ocupará finalmente el puesto en el Concilio. Además, Nick Goodman se ha registrado como candidato oficial agregado por los votantes.

Además, en la balota de mayo se encontrarán seis cuestiones de bonos y la propuesta de una enmienda a los estatutos:

- Cuestión 1 – Bonos para Parques y Recreación por la cantidad de \$40,600,000
- Cuestión 2 – Bonos para la Seguridad Pública / Bomberos por la cantidad de \$4,580,000
- Cuestión 3 – Bonos para la Seguridad Pública / Policía por la cantidad de \$4,360,000
- Cuestión 4 – Bonos para el Museo por la cantidad de \$8,500,000
- Cuestión 5 – Bonos para Calles y Carreteras por la cantidad de \$59,095,000
- Cuestión 6 – Bonos para Agua y Drenaje por la cantidad de \$36,580,000
- Proposición 100 – Enmienda a los Estatutos de la Ciudad con respecto a reunirse y consultar

Calendar Of Events

(480) 782-2735 ••• www.ChandlerAZ.gov

April

- 8, 22 City Council meeting, (480) 782-2180
- 13, 20, 27 Spring Starlight Concert Series,
Arrowhead Meadows Park
- 15, 22, 29 Lunch Time Concert Series, Dr. A.J.
Chandler Park
- 16 Chandler Golf Challenge, Bear Creek Golf
Course, (480) 782-2709
- 16, 17 Chandler Jazz Festival presented by Wells
Fargo, Historic Downtown Chandler
- 17 Saturday Music and Art in the Park,
Historic Downtown Chandler,
(480) 782-3045
- 17, 18 Cinderella, Center for the Arts,
(480) 782-2680
- 23 Tweaksters, Center for the Arts,
(480) 782-2680
- 25 Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio,
Center for the Arts, (480) 782-2680
- 29 Budget Briefing, Council Chambers

May

- 1 Chandler Contest & Bowl Jam, Snedigar
Skatepark, (480) 782-2640
- 1 Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Chihuahua
Races, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park
- 1 Quitzalli de Veracruz, Center for the Arts,
(480) 782-2680
- 2 San Marcos Symphony, Center for the
Arts, (480) 782-2680
- 4 Spring Starlight Concert Series, Dr. A.J.
Chandler Park
- 9 Salt River Brass, Center for the Arts,
(480) 782-2680
- 13, 27 City Council meeting, (480) 782-2180
- 18 General Election, (480) 782-2180
- 21, 22 Neighborhoods Arizona Conference,
Center for the Arts, (480) 732-7174
- 31 Memorial Day, City offices closed

City To Match Neighborhood Funds For Improvements

The City of Chandler Neighborhood Matching Grant Program provides matching funds of up to \$5,000 to organized neighborhood groups and homeowners associations. The program is designed to assist neighborhood groups to strengthen the social network of their community while dealing creatively with important concerns. The grants are intended to spur a grass-root community effort. In the past two years, the City has distributed \$150,000, through the program.

Grant projects must qualify as capital improvements. Examples of projects could include: playground and minor park improvements, benches, neighborhood entrance beautification, neighborhood entry signs, painting or repair work, landscaping, neighborhood clean-up efforts, public art, or curbside access and enhancement.

Grant applications are accepted four times per year. The next grant proposal due date is July 23, 2004. Grant projects are evaluated and selected based on a series of criteria including:

- tangible neighborhood benefit (does the project enhance the aesthetics of the neighborhood or enhance the overall quality of life within the community?)
- neighborhood involvement and support
- budget and grant matching information
- project readiness.

A grant seeker orientation and workshop will be held June 26. Call the office of Neighborhood Programs at (480) 782-3227 to request an application and guidelines.

Chandler Pools Provide Refreshing Cooldown

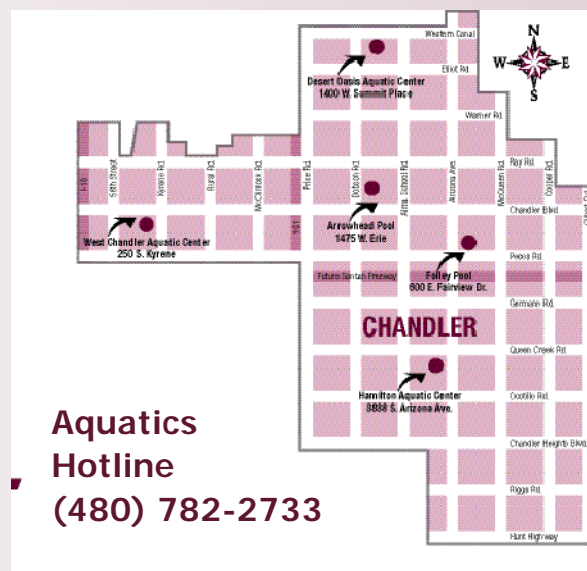
As the weather heats up, people begin looking for ways to cool down. Chandler's public pools are a convenient way to turn down the heat this summer.

Beginning May 1, the pools at Hamilton, West Chandler and Desert Oasis Aquatic centers will be open on week-ends. Operational hours are from Noon to 5 p.m. Admission fees are \$.50 for children and \$1.50 for adults.

Desert Oasis and West Chandler Aquatic centers will open for the summer season on May 27. Arrowhead, Folley and Hamilton Aquatic centers will open full-time on June 4. Watch for information about swimming classes offered through the City's Recreation Division in the summer *Breaktime* magazine, due to be mailed to residents April 30.

Call the Aquatics Hotline at (480) 782-2733 for additional information.

Chandler Aquatic Center Locations



**Aquatics
Hotline
(480) 782-2733**

Springtime Reminders

Help Landscape Survive the Summer Sizzle

Summer is right around the corner, soon it will be difficult to work long hours in your yard. This time of year is perfect for conducting maintenance on your irrigation system. You should check for valve leaks, replace broken or missing sprinkler heads, clean or replace emitters, and move them away from the trunks of plants out to the canopy line. For established desert trees, cap off the emitters, they will not only survive on rainfall, their wood will be stronger and you won't need to prune them as often. Call the Water Conservation Office with any questions about your irrigation system or landscape (480) 782-3580.

Maintaining Lawns & Alleyways

With the changing of the seasons, many types of vegetation are growing quickly in lawns, alleyways and empty lots in neighborhoods all over town. That means Chandler property owners need to be ready to clean up areas that they are responsible for maintaining.

A Chandler ordinance states that property owners or persons in control of any private premises are responsible for maintaining their entire premises, including any abutting right-of-way up to the curb or street (or the edge of the pavement where curbs are not present). Owners are also responsible for maintenance to the center of their alleys. These areas should be free of grass or weeds in excess of six inches in height.

Also keep in mind that landscaping should not obstruct public rights-of-way — including streets, sidewalks, signs, fire hydrants and traffic signals. Trees and shrubs should be trimmed back to avoid these situations. For more

information about Chandler's vegetation maintenance regulations, contact the office of Neighborhood Services (480) 782-4320.

Mosquito Control

Last summer, mosquitoes became more than just a nuisance with the introduction of the West Nile Virus inside Arizona borders. Here are a few tips from the Maricopa County's Vector Control program on what you can do to eliminate mosquito breeding and reduce the risk of bites:

- Eliminate standing water where mosquitos can breed.
- Check for items outside the home that collect water, such as cans, bottles, buckets, old tires & other containers.
- Change water in flower vases, birdbaths, planters and animal watering pans at least twice a week.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets, and move air conditioner drain hoses frequently.
- Avoid being bitten by mosquitoes when going outside at night by using insect repellant with DEET. Wear light-weight clothing that covers the arms and legs.

Residents are encouraged to call the

**Environmental Citizens Complaint Line at
(602) 506-6616**

or log on to

www.maricopa.gov/envsvc

to report a dead bird or register a mosquito complaint.

Bee Safety Reminders

To prevent bees from settling in your house or yard, keep all holes and cavities in trees or outside walls filled or covered. Cover the hole of water meter boxes with a rock and check it regularly. Repair leaking faucets and irrigation or sprinkler systems. Remove any trash or debris that might serve as a shelter for bees, such as over turned clay pots.

Solitary, foraging honey bees are often attracted to evaporative coolers as a source of water. Bees can be discouraged by placing a few ounces of pine-scented liquid cleaner in the water. Pet water and bird baths may be attractive as well. Add two tablespoons of vinegar per gallon of water to discourage bees. Individual bees gathering pollen and nectar from flowers should be left alone.

The Chandler Fire Department has established a Bee Emergency Response Team (BERT). BERT members are trained to respond in bee attack situations. When called to a bee-related incident, BERT trained firefighters will provide aid to any victims, attempt to locate the source of the attack and reduce the threat of injury to residents. The team will also instruct the homeowner how to contact a bee removal expert. If bees have made their home in the water meter, water valve boxes or around a fire hydrant,

the City will take responsibility for their removal. This is the only instance in which the City will remove bees on private property. Contact Water Distribution at (480) 782-3700.

Bees must be taken seriously. Stings can be life threatening, especially if you have a known sensitivity to insect bites or stings. If you or a family member have been stung, immediately contact Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 to determine whether the sting can be managed at home or needs medical attention.

Chandler Battalion Chief Dan Couch says the best advice that the Fire Department can offer is, "Leave the bees alone and they'll leave you alone. Bees can become agitated by barking dogs or other loud noises and will respond aggressively if swatted, sprayed or if objects are thrown at them. They are looking for a home, like your attic which is cool and dark, and will stay if there is a water supply near by like a dripping faucet or leaking sprinkler/irrigation system. Generally, a swarm of bees will only stay in a location for an average of 24 hours. Take the necessary precautions to prevent disturbing them, and contact an exterminator if they appear to be staying longer."



Interested in improving Chandler neighborhoods? "Neighborhoods Arizona: Energizing Our Community Spirit," is a two-day conference presented by The Leadership Centre. Topics will include homeowners' association training, growth, neighborhood security, landscaping and water conservation, neighborhood technology and more. Go to www.theleadershipcentre.org or call (480) 732-7174 for more information.

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